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1. Between 16 and 22 July 1953 a camp located in Friedrichsfelde Schlosspark (Berlin-Lichtenberg) and consisting of at least 200 ten-man tents was occupied to capacity by KVP infantry and tank units. The tanks were camouflaged. There was an undetermined number of troops in the former Friedrich-Karl Kaserne north of the Friedrichstrasse railroad station, and in the former Alexander Kaserne on Max-Planck Strasse. A camp of ten large tents and 20-30 smaller tents in the southeast corner of the Königsheide in Berlin-Niederschöneweide was also occupied to capacity. The KVP patrol service along the sector boundaries and at public buildings was reinforced.¹
2. No aircraft were observed at the Cottbus airfield on 27 July; 15 aircraft crates were being loaded. According to a railroad man, a Soviet unit was transferred from Cottbus to Welzow late in July.

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1. Comment: Other sources have reported that the transfer of units of the Armeegruppe Nord to Berlin was planned for mid-July. The troops to be transferred probably included an infantry regiment from Pinnow and Drögeheide, belonging to the KVP division at Prenzlau. The concentration of KVP units in Berlin is probably directed against further strikes and demonstrations.

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